GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:205
ANSWERED ON:12.03.2001
WATER CRISIS
LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether some States like Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan etc. are facing acute water crisis due to severe drought;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government have allocated adequate funds to the State Governments to overcome water crisis; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI)

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERREDTO IN REPLY TOPARTS (A) TO (C) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.+205 TO BE ANSWERED IN T LOK SABHA ON 12.3.2001 REGARDING WATER CRISIS.

(a) to (c) The India Meteorological Departmenthas divided the country into 35 regions / Sud-divisions. All the Meteorologicalsub-divisions in Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, and Rajasthan received deficient and inadequate rainfall during south-West monsoon 2000, leading to drought like situation. The rainfall during post-monsoon period has also been scanty in these States.

In Madhya Pradesh 32 out of 45 districts are facingdrought like situation and 95 lakh population and cropped area of 33.48 lakh ha. have been affected. The total water available in4 major reservoirs of Madhya Pradesh at present is 1.03 TMC, which is 15.4 % of last ten year's average.

In Rajasthan 31 out of 32 districts are facing drought like situation and 330 lakh population and cropped area of 89.47 lakh ha. have been affected. The total water available in 3 major reservoirs of Rajasthan at present is 0.84 TMC which is 36.6 % of last ten year's average.

The Department of Drinking Water Supply have relaxed the provisions in the guidelines relating to Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) and Prime Minister's Gramodaya Yojna (PMGY) for the drought affected states.A Minimum Need Programme (MNP) is also being implementedby Department of Drinking Water Supply. During the year Rs. 406.11 Crore and Rs. 200.32 Crore has been released to Govt. of Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh respectively under these schemes. In addition Rs. 85 Crore and Rs. 35 Crore has been released the Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh respectively from the National Calamity Contingency Fund.